



Office of the Mayor

July 30, 2003

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW, Room CY-B402
Washington, DC 20554

RE: *Application of SBC, Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 for Authorization to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin, WC Docket No. 03-167*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing to you to express my support for SBC's application to offer long distance service in Wisconsin. As the Mayor of a major city in Wisconsin, we are all faced with critical spending choices. It is important for Wisconsin businesses and families to have competition and a choice of providers to save them money. SBC's ability to compete in the long distance market will afford the citizens of West Bend and all of Wisconsin a full range of service options.

Allowing SBC to enter the long distance market will benefit our state's telecommunications industry and increase competition, making consumers the ultimate winners.

SBC has maintained a high level of commitment to the state of Wisconsin and invests in the economic future of the state. As one of Wisconsin's most established telecommunications companies, SBC contributes to the state's economy through jobs, infrastructure investment, innovation, and by offering quality telecommunications service.

At a time when the economy is faltering, it is important to support local businesses and support their investments in Wisconsin. I am hopeful that the Federal Communications Commission will support SBC's 271 long distance application.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Miller
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